

Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC to exclude 320 acres of BLM-administered public land and making that parcel available for possible disposal by direct sale at fair market value. The document discusses impacts of removal of the land from ACEC designation and management and impacts from future use under private ownership.

DATES: Written comments related to removal of the land from ACEC designation and management and the preliminary FONSI will be accepted on or before May 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Tim Sanders, Acting Assistant Field Manager, Multi-Resources, BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Sanders, Acting Assistant Field Manager, at (505) 525-4393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ACECs are land designations unique to BLM. The purpose of ACECs is to recognize, protect, and manage unique or sensitive resources or potential hazards. Each area is managed according to its unique resources and needs, in consultation and coordination with the public. The Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC was designated in the Mimbres RMP in 1993. The 320 acres in the S $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 3 E., was included within the boundary of the ACEC. Specific resources to be protected by the designation include significant scenic values, endangered wildlife and plant species, National register eligible prehistoric and historic resources, and natural hazards such as cliffs and mine shafts. One of the numerous planned actions identified in the RMP to protect these resources is to retain all public land within the ACEC.

In 1975, Our Lady's Youth Center of El Paso, Texas received a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) lease with option to purchase for the 320 acres. The lease was issued for a period of 25 years and was to be used as part of the Youth Center's Lord's Ranch, which is headquartered on adjacent land owned by Our Lady's Youth Center. The Lord's Ranch is a youth camp and retreat primarily for underprivileged children from El Paso, Texas.

In June 1997, the lease was cancelled for lack of development and maintenance. The Youth Center is seeking to acquire the property to continue to use it as part of the Lord's Ranch. The Youth Center contends that this land is an integral part of the ranch and is necessary for its continued operation.

This RMP Amendment would adjust the boundary to remove the 320 acres

from the Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC and make it available for disposal if that is the alternative chosen. None of the values for which the ACEC was designated to protect would be affected by the removal of the parcel from the ACEC.

Public participation has occurred throughout the RMP Amendment process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 1998 inviting public comments on the proposal. Comments received during this 60-day comment period will be considered in preparing the Proposed Mimbres RMP Amendment and supporting EA. Single copies of the draft Mimbres RMP Amendment/preliminary FONSI and supporting EA for the Land Ownership and Boundary Adjustment in the Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC may be obtained from the BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated: February 24, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1988), that a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee will be held on May 3, 4, and 5, 1999, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Committee will meet at the Town Center Hotel; telephone: 301/589-5200, fax: 301/588-1841, located at 8727 Colesville Road in Silver Spring, Maryland. Meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end no later than 5:00 p.m. each day.

The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee was established by Public Law 101-601 to monitor, review, and assist in implementation of the inventory and identification process and repatriation activities required under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The agenda for this meeting will include: Federal compliance with the statute; disposition of culturally

unidentifiable human remains; and the status of national implementation.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited. Persons will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons wishing to make a presentation to the committee should submit a request to do so by April 5, 1999. Please clearly state what you would like to discuss, how much time you estimate that you will need, and your contact information. Any member of the public may also file a written statement for consideration by the committee by April 16, 1999. Both written requests and statements should be addressed to the committee in care of the Departmental Consulting Archeologist.

A block of lodging rooms has been set aside at the Town Center Hotel, at a significantly reduced rate. Reservations must be booked with the hotel by April 10 to guarantee the reduced rate. Please reference the National Park Service and mention that you are attending the NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting.

Persons wishing further information concerning this meeting, or who wish to submit written statements may contact Dr. Francis P. McManamon, Departmental Consulting Archeologist, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC340/MS 2275, Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 343-4101. Transcripts of the meeting will be available for public inspection approximately eight weeks after the meeting at the office of the Departmental Consulting Archeologist, 800 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC.

Dated: February 19, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before February 20, 1999. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be